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SUBJECT: 28TH WHA: YUGOSLAV RESOLUTION ON ASSISTANCE TO
VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA

1. IF YUGOSLAV DRAFT REPORTED REFTEL IS BROUGHT TO VOTE,
USDEL SHOULD VOTE AGAINST AND MAKE EXPLANATION OF VOTE
BASED ON FOLLOWING COMMENTS REGARDING DRAFT.

2. PREAMBULAR PARAS REFLECT SLANTED VIEW OF VIETNAM AS
LIBERATION STRUGGLE; THEY CONTAIN OTHER POLITICAL IMPLICA-
TIONS WHICH WE FIND OFFENSIVE AND INACCURATE IN FACE OF
THE HISTORICAL RECORD IN VIETNAM.

3. OPERATIVE PARAS SEEK TO MAKE INDO-CHINA HEALTH ASSIS-
TANCE A MAJOR PREOCCUPATION OF WHO'S ENERGIES, FUNDS AND
PERSONNEL WITHOUT FIRST HAVING OBJECTIVE ASSESSMENT OF
REAL NEEDS. MOREOVER, IT PROPOSES ABROGATION OF NORMAL
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WHO PROCEDURES FOR GRANTING ASSISTANCE AND FOR PARTICIPA-

TION OF RECIPIENT GOVERNMENTS. WE FIND THIS UNDULY HASTY AND UNWARRANTED ACTION. INsofar AS EMERGENCY CONDITIONS EXIST, HUMANITARIAN NEEDS SHOULD BE MET AFTER RECEIPT OF

SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS SET OUT BY AUTHORITIES CONCERNED. AS FOR LONGER TERM HEALTH NEEDS IN AREA, WE BELIEVE THAT SCARCE MEDICAL RESOURCES SHOULD NOT BE COMMITTED BEFORE ADEQUATE PLANNING TAKES PLACE, SO THAT PRIORITIES AS BETWEEN THIS AND OTHER URGENT WHO PROGRAMS, ARE ESTABLISHED ON A RATIONAL BASIS. (LEAVE TO USDEL'S DISCRETION WHETHER TO REMIND HERE THAT DG MAHLER HAS SOUGHT TO DE-EMPHASIZE ROLE IN TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.)

4. FOR YOUR INFORMATION, WE ARE INCLUDING SECRETARY'S PRESS CONFERENCE STATEMENT OF APRIL 29, WHICH YOU ALSO MAY DRAW ON IF APPROPRIATE. BEGIN QUOTE. Q: MAY I ASK ONE FOLLOW UP? DO YOU NOW FAVOR AMERICAN AID IN REBUILDING NORTH VIETNAM? A: NO, I DO NOT FAVOR AMERICAN AID FOR REBUILDING NORTH VIETNAM. Q: SOUTH VIETNAM: A: WITH RESPECT TO SOUTH VIETNAM, WE WILL HAVE TO SEE WHAT KIND OF GOVERNMENT EMERGES AND INDEED WHETHER THERE IS GOING TO BE A SOUTH VIETNAM. WE WOULD CERTAINLY LOOK AT PARTICULAR SPECIFIC HUMANITARIAN REQUESTS THAT CAN BE CARRIED OUT BY HUMANITARIAN AGENCIES, BUT WE DO BELIEVE THAT THE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY SHOULD FALL ON THOSE WHO SUPPLY THE WEAPONS FOR THIS POLITICAL CHANGE. END QUOTE. INGERSOLL

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